

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 21, 2015

Inspector General David Williams  
Office of the Inspector General  
United States Postal Service  
1735 N. Lynn Street  
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Williams:

It has come to our attention that the United States Postal Service (USPS) Knik Contract Postal Unit (CPU) #2, located in Wasilla, Alaska was abruptly closed without prior public notice on Friday, September 18, 2015.

Your office has stated that the closure of the CPU is the result of an ongoing internal investigation into allegations of possible intentional delay of U.S. mail, a violation of Title 18 of the United States Code § 1703. As a result of the closure, customers have been redirected to the USPS Wasilla Main Branch.

On behalf of the many constituents affected by this closure, we are looking for answers to the following questions:

- When were the allegations brought to your attention? What is the standard protocol behind closing CPUs pending an investigation? How long do you anticipate the closure?
- Is there a reason why you did not contact affected customers, nor any member of the congressional delegation or its staff prior to the sudden closure?
- Currently customers with P.O. boxes at the CPU can now only receive their mail at the Wasilla Main Branch during business hours from 9am-5pm. Have you considered alternative ways for customers commuting from Anchorage, nearly 45 miles away, to get their mail?
- What steps is the USPS taking to ensure customers have updated information regarding the site closure and receive their mail in a timely fashion?

Given the geographical challenges in our state, and the distance that separates small communities from larger hubs, Alaska's reliance on the USPS is unique. Because of this, it is crucial that locations like Knik CPU #2 are open and available to the communities that rely so greatly on them. We look forward to your timely answers and the findings of your investigation.

Sincerely,



Dan Sullivan  
U.S. Senator



Lisa Murkowski  
U.S. Senator



Don Young  
Congressman for All Alaska